

BURLINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT MEDIA RELEASE

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Burlington Police Department Strategic Planning Sessions

The Burlington Police Department is committed to community engagement. The Department's strategic plan and accreditation standards are informed by citizen feedback and help support the BPD's commitment to meet community demands, reduce crime, enhance professionalism and build trust.

It's time to get together with the community again to collaborate in helping our department plan for the future. We are seeking to update our strategic plan and learn more about the kinds and quality of police services Burlington desires. In a friendly and local venue, we will seek to create an environment that encourages discussion and allows for community feedback, which is the foundation of any community policing initiative.

During October and November, we will host several *three-hour Community-based strategic planning sessions* which will allow us to bring officers together with community leaders and residents for a candid conversation about police services.

The upcoming *Community-based strategic planning sessions* will be held at the following locations, dates, and times. A Spanish translator will be available at the Blessed Sacrament session or by appointment for any other session.

Location	Dates	Times
Kernodle Senior Center	Saturday, October 27, 2018	9:00 am until 12:00 pm
Burlington Housing Authority	Tuesday, October 30, 2018	6:00 pm until 9:00 pm
Turrentine Middle School	Thursday, November 1, 2018	6:00 pm until 9:00 pm
Dream Center	Saturday, November 3, 2018	9:00 am until 12:00 pm
Andrew Elementary School	Tuesday, November 27, 2018	6:00 pm until 9:00 pm
Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church	Thursday, December 6, 2018	6:00 pm until 9:00 pm

Please choose only one of the dates and locations you wish to attend and kindly RSVP five days prior to the event by either emailing *Iris Caballero* at icaballero@burlingtonnc.gov or contacting her at (336) 229-3546

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Our Mission:

"The City of Burlington is dedicated to providing high quality municipal services within our diverse community in a friendly, professional and efficient manner in order to promote the safety, health, and quality of life of residents and employees."